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Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [10]

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Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [66]

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Hongkong, 2d June, 1898. [5]

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1898. [64]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [30]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We have interviewed Mr. FRANCIS on the subject of the acquisition of the Slaughter Houses by the Sanitary Board. Mr. LADDS was quite correct in stating that Mr. FRANCIS did at one time very fully approve of the Slaughter Houses being taken over and managed by the Sanitary Board. Instead of being let out to contractors and Mr. FRANCIS claims that he was at the time fully entitled to express an opinion, being then a member of the Sanitary Board and having, with other members of the Board, made a close study of that and of several kindred questions. Mr. EDG was, at that time, of the same opinion also.

When we asked the learned Q.C. whether he was of the same opinion still he came out with a most emphatic "no." In the first place because the idea then was to substitute the Sanitary Board officers for the contractor, not merely for the purpose of ensuring greater cleanliness and order in the supply of meat, but also and mainly, of their long suffering masters and mistresses, every man seeking registration must be identified and identifiable. All his names must be registered, his village and his district. He must be secured by some responsible person in the Colony who is bound to identify and produce him when required. Police constables and district watchmen are thus secured. The man's photograph must be taken and his physical peculiarities registered, and there must be some reasonable certainty that the man in possession of a ticket is the man to whom it was issued, and that there was some preliminary investigation into his character and qualifications before he got that ticket.

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If the China Mail can think out some scheme of servants registration that will cover these requirements without being too onerous to the public and to our China boys, we are prepared to back the China Mail up to any extent, but the re-enactment of the former ordinance would be utterly useless, and only make the present position more unsatisfactory than it is.

as the Registrar General in the exercise of his discretion thought fit.

If when a servant presented himself with a ticket and asked for employment the master had any doubts about the identity of the applicant with the person named in the ticket and sent to the Registry to inquire, the answer was "we cannot tell; we have no means of identifying the men; it may be the man, it may not be." So tickets were transferred from hand to hand. Hence ticket unfavourably endorsed was torn up and thrown away and the owner, after a short interval, applied for a fresh ticket under a new name, and got it. If a robbery took place and a servant fled, it was useless to report to the Registry. The people there did not know him, could not identify him, had no person liable for the man's production; could not even tell from what part of the country he came so that he might be sought for.

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REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE RECENT ENGAGEMENT AT SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

LONDON, June 4.

It is explained in New York that Admiral SCHLEY's sole purpose in bombarding Santiago was to prevent the erection of fortifications at the entrance of the harbour and that he sheered off when the new defences were destroyed. There was no question of a repulse.

THE REBELLION IN CUBA.

Latest reports from Cuba state that 3,000 rebels are attacking Santiago from the land side and a bloody battle is proceeding.

RUSSIA AT PORT ARTHUR.

Russia intends deepening and enlarging the harbour at Port Arthur.

ITALY.

Marquis Rudini has formed a colourless Ministry.

THE PLAGUE.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 4th June, 7 new cases and 8 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (14 days) 1,251 cases and 1,102 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE market price of raw silk in Yokohama shows a tendency to advance.

H.M.S. "Pique" left the harbour at 6 a.m. to-day, homeward bound, via Singapore.

New York advises state that the war has not affected quotations for tea and coffee.

FOR having weights not up to the standard a Chinese dealer was to-day fined \$50 in default six weeks.

IT is expected that the report of the Indian Finance Commission will be ready in about a couple of months.

A HAIR in the butter.—"Waiter, look here! Isn't this a hair in the butter?" Yeas, a cow's hair, sir. We always serve one with the butter to show it isn't margarine, sir."

PRINCE IWAKURA, Senior Imperial Chamberlain, has been ordered by the Emperor to attend both Houses of the Imperial Diet daily, that particulars may be reported to His Majesty every day.

MR. ISAAC NEWTON calculated that the chances that a pair of spectacles, if laid on a table or a shelf, would be found in the same place ten minutes later, were less than two in a hundred.

Under the provisos of the previous law any Chinaman could go and apply for and obtain, on payment of a small fee, the registration of his name as a servant and in any capacity. There was no inquiry as to his antecedents and no guarantee or security that his statements about himself were correct. No description of his person was recorded, nor any photograph of him taken. Masters were forbidden to take servants into their employ without the production of a ticket. They were to keep the ticket in their possession while the owner was in their service. They must return it to him on his departure. They were forbidden to make any entry on it as to the servant's character. If they had any complaints, they must communicate them to the Registry Office, and the office would endorse the ticket with such remarks

as the Registrar General in the exercise of his discretion thought fit.

In consequence of the great frost having injured the mulberry-trees in Nanking Ken so much, quantities of newly hatched silk worms have been thrown away in different parts of the province. The crop this year will show a decrease of from 20 to 30 per cent. as compared with the average.

H. TSING CHU, the newly appointed Tarilar General for the province arrived at Foochow by the *Passata* on the 21st ultimo and took over the seals of office next day. The retiring Tarilar-General, H.E. Yu Lu, left on 21st ult. to the *Hsiang Yu* for the north to take up his appointment as Viceroy of Szechuan.

THE Secretary of the Punjab Mining Company, Limited, advises us that he has received the following telegram from the Miner giving the result of the May clean up:—Translation—“The Mill ran 29 days, crushing 2,550 tons of Headings yielding 262 cts. of melted gold. Twenty tons of Concentrates were ground to Bordan Panas yielding 15 cts. of melted gold.”

WOUND pensions of English pay of rank have been sanctioned for four months to Lieutenant E. G. Gaffin, Yorkshire Regiment, wounded at Mardon on 1st November last; for one year to Lieutenant Owen, Oxfordshire Light Infantry wounded in the Khyber Pass on 30th December last; and for six months to Lieutenant Williams, Yorkshire Regiment, wounded in the fight on the Lozaka Pass in November last.

THE "Typhoon" weather, as some folks have ventured to dub it, broke last night in a thunderstorm, or rather a series of them, for there appeared to be at least three separate storms all at work at as many points of the compass. Luckily none of them seem to have come directly over the Colony and bar a slight rain a particularly heavy clasp of thunder nobody is a prouder the worse:

EARLY last month, says the *Foochow Daily Echo*, notice was given by the authorities that a tax of 10 per cent on the rents of shops in the city and suburbs, would be levied to meet the expense of the late war. This gave rise to general dissatisfaction and for a time there was a feeling of great uneasiness in the city, but we are glad to know now that the tax has been agreed to and that peace and contentment again reign.

MIGHT we beg to suggest in the politest manner possible, as one of Murray's heroes would have said, that the Water Authority would greatly oblige Kowloon Residents if he would so far condescend as to inform them as to the hour and date when he finds it imperative to cut off the water supply. During the last day or so the water has been cut off in certain districts of Kowloon without any notice having been given to the residents, and great inconvenience has resulted therefrom. Water used in excess of the stipulated allowance has to be paid for, and therefore when the authorities intend to cut off the supply the least that they could do would be to give the residents adequate warning; such want of consideration was only to be expected during the reign of the departed Cooper & Co., but Kowloonites hoped for better times under the new regime.

THE Queen of Spain is prepared to fly from Spain, says an exchange. It was she, and not the Spanish Government, who bought the famous English steam yacht *Giralda*. The vessel is kept patrolling off the coast of Spain to prevent her being seized and to be ready to call at any port on signal to take away the royal family—the young King, his mother, the Regent, and his two sisters. They undoubtedly would take refuge in Austria, as the Queen, a kinswoman of Francis Joseph, is an archduchess of Austria. The *Giralda* was the property of Mr. H. Mc Calmont, an English millionaire who was pressed by the Japanese, in the late war, to name his own price for her.

Messrs. Whealock & Co. Coal and Kerosene Oil Market Report dated Shanghai, 30th May, 1898, say:—Coal.—Japan.—The market still remains dull in the extreme and few, if any, transactions of consequence have taken place.

To make a quotation, we mention sale of about 400 tons Ohnours at Tis. 7.75 per ton, but had it not been for impediments consumption this rate could not have been paid. In anticipation of a decline in freight rates we should see lower prices when a large business might possibly be done.

Cardiff.—Has been in slight demand at easier rates than quoted, but as there have been no sales, we do not alter our quotations, and there is no reason for doing so, as the home papers confirm serious strike at the Miners and coming at the time of war and rumours of war, present holders consider that further advance is a certainty.

Sydney Wollongong.—There being no stock until the arrival of the "A. Attila" on the 25th inst., with 1,100 tons, there has been no selling done for some time; the last few days though sales have been made as high as Tis. 16.50 per ton. It is reported that two sailors, the *Caledonian Empire* and *Armada*, have been chartered to load for this, each bringing about 3,

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H.M.S. *Daphne* is still at Pagoda anchorages. The French cruiser *Yves Berte* is also there.

THE COACHMAN.—"I'm goin' to leave, sir; I can't stand the missus." "Is she too strict, then?" "Yes sir. She keeps fergitit' as I can leave at any time, and worries me about just as though I was you."

PROGRESS seems to be the order of the day in Hongkong, says *Indian Engineering*. Altogether there is an air of steady progress which augurs well for the future development of the Colony—a progress all the more satisfactory to those who look forward to benefit personally from the growing importance of this already important Colony.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first general meeting of the above company was held at 11.30 a.m. to-day at the offices, No. 9 Praya Central.

Mr. Shewan presided and there were also present Messrs. J. S. Van Buren, J. H. Lewis, Baba and C. A. Tomes (directors), G. Murray Murray, Balu, H. Wicksing, Playford, Faug Wa Chuen, C. E. Ewens, A. H. Hewitt, F. M. Guillever and J. H. V. Joy.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called in accordance with the Companies' Ordinances which require that every company registered under those ordinances shall call a meeting within four months from its date of registration. This Company was registered on 19th February last and for the little time it has been at work has I am glad to say made good progress and so far answered all the anticipations of its promoters. Our main object is to encourage provident habits among people of moderate means, by enabling them with our assistance to become owners of the houses they live in. I need not go into the system here as the pamphlets and tables we are compiling will explain this in detail. It is enough to say that it has been most successful at home. The companies engaged in such business at home have paid good dividends besides having succeeded in giving many persons the satisfaction of living in their own house for little more expenditure than if they had rented the house in the usual way. I do not pretend that the sole object of this company is philanthropic; our aim is to make money for our shareholders like any other business undertaking, but I do claim that this company should prove a boon to people whose means do not permit them to provide the necessary cash all at once for buying a house, but who at the same time are paying their landlord a rent much beyond the true value of the house they occupy and which rent, if utilized in the way we advocate, would soon enable them to own the house itself. Take the case of one of our clients, he was paying £100 per month for the house he lived in, he is now paying us £62.42 per month but with this difference that he now owns his house, while formerly he might have paid his rent to all eternity and still have had nothing to show for it. As you all know rents have risen and are still rapidly rising in this colony and for a company like ours, carefully conducted, there is, we feel convinced a great future. Our capital is of course far too small for all the business we hope to do, but we prefered to begin in a small way and build up our capital and resources as we go along. It takes time for a company to get in all its capital and to commence active operations but I am pleased to say that we have been fortunate in both respects; our capital was quickly subscribed, both calls are now all paid up and the bulk has already been lent out in various ways. The process of utilizing the money in loans to bona fide investors in real estate is of necessity a slow one and meanwhile to prevent loss of interest on our capital we have taken advantage of the present tightness of the money market to make short loans on goods in godown, shares etc. at rates of interest ranging from 6 to 12 per cent. We shall, of course, always give the preference to our provident loans on houses, property to be repaid by instalments which will always make us a sure return. But there is a good trust and loan business if I may so term it to be done as well if we had more capital. At present we have placed about £105,000 in provident loans on the instalment plan, and have about £15,000 more promised, about £51,000 on mortgage and about £326,000 in short loans on goods and stocks. Practically we have invested all our capital and must now look around for some means of raising more funds. Our credit is good and our creditors will always have our ready liability of £10 per share to fall back on so if we decide to issue debentures in lieu of increasing our capital there should be no difficulty in obtaining what we want. I need hardly point out that by issuing debentures at say 6 per cent, and lending the money again at 8 or 10 per cent, there would be a good profit for the company provided the money could be promptly reinvested as of course loss of time means loss of interest. So far we have not lost very much time and we shall endeavour to avoid doing so by borrowing only enough to meet our wants and by promptly investing the money so borrowed. It is only by borrowing and lending in this manner that we can make large profits for the company and of course when our business has increased and the demand can no longer be met by borrowing we must have recourse to a further issue of capital. The other night there was a letter in the *China Mail* signed "Hard Pushed," on the behalf of cheap houses for Europeans and it is just persons in the position of the writer of that letter that this company sympathizes with and is anxious to assist. We are not a building company and have no desire or intention to compete with the Land Companies in this Colony but if such persons as "Hard Pushed" could arrange with those companies to build cheap residences we would be very glad to help them in providing the purchase money. You must not forget however that if you have any spare funds for investment we are equally willing to receive it on deposit or in exchange for debentures and notwithstanding the celebrated advice of Polonius we are prepared to either a lender or borrower be as it may, not our customers. That I think is all I have to say just now, Gentlemen, the company has started well under favourable auspices and I feature well in time as its object and aims become better known and its business increases prove a benefit to the colony in general and in particular will offer special inducements to that section of the community whose incomes are restricted, who in face of a steadily falling exchange have had to accept the inevitable and make up their minds to reside permanently in the Colony and on whom a constant rise in rents presses most heavily.

The Chairman in conclusion said he desired on behalf of his colleagues and himself to express very deep regret at the sudden death of Mr. Woy How Chuen, who had always taken a very great interest in the society. No questions were asked by those present and the Chairman after thanking the members for their attendance declared the meeting closed.

THE GYMKHANA.

The following is the prospectus of the third Gymkhana Meeting, 1898 Season, to be held on the 18th Inst.:—

1.400 p.m. HALF MILE RACE—For China ponies. Weight as per scale. Winners of over flat race, once 5 lbs; twice, 10 lbs; three times or steeper, 14 lbs extra. Entrance, \$3. 1st Prize, \$50; 2nd, \$30; 3rd, \$10.

CHATI-RACE—For Asiatic Soldiers. To start at the Winning Post with a chain full of water on the head and run round a post 30 yards off and for. First in with the most water in the chain to win. Prize to decide how far the loss of water is to disqualify a winner. Chati will be provided. Post entries free. 1st Prize, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2. This race will be run on the inside course during the interval between Half Mile and Steeplechase.

2.40 p.m. STEEPELCHASE.—Over the Steeplechase Course; Weighs as per scale with 10 lbs added. Winners of jump races at this year's Gymkhana: once 5 lbs; twice or steeper, 10 lbs extra. Entrance, \$3. 1st Prize, presented by J. McKe, Esq.; 2nd, Prize, \$2; 3rd Prize, \$1.

RICKSHAW RACE—for British Sailors and Soldiers. The Rickshaw to be drawn by a competitor and to ply for fare between the Winning Post and a post 100 yards up the Inside Course. The fare to half rickshaw and jump in. Fares to be in costume. The Rickshaws will then line up at the 100 yards Post and race in. First in with best costume to win. A certain number of points will be given for costume. Competitors to supply their own Rickshaws. Post entries free. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd, Prize, \$5; 3rd Prize, \$3.

3.40 p.m. STEEPELCHASE—Over the Steeplechase Course; Weighs as per scale with 10 lbs added. Winners of jump races at this year's Gymkhana: once 5 lbs; twice or steeper, 10 lbs extra. Entrance, \$3. 1st Prize, presented by J. McKe, Esq.; 2nd, Prize, \$2; 3rd Prize, \$1.

4.40 p.m. STEEPELCHASE—Over the Steeplechase Course; Weighs as per scale with 10 lbs added. Winners of jump races at this year's Gymkhana: once 5 lbs; twice or steeper, 10 lbs extra. Entrance, \$3. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd, Prize, \$5; 3rd Prize, \$3.

5.45 p.m. POLO PONY SCURRY, 3 FURLONGS.—For bond. All China Polo Ponies, catch-weight over 1st, 7 lbs. Previous winners of Polo events at this season's Gymkhana excluded. Entrance, \$1. 1st Prize, \$40; 2nd Prize, \$20; 3rd Prize, \$10.

4.50 p.m. LADIES' NOMINATION EVENT.—The nominees will start at the Winning Post dismounted, and on the word "Go" will mount and ride to a Post 100 yards off, pick up a plate (supplied by Gymkhana) side back to nominator who will place 6 oranges in the plate (oranges supplied). Nominees will then ride round the Post 100 yards off, keeping it on the left, and in. First in with the most oranges in the plate to win. No oranges in the plate to disqualify, and the loss of oranges to be allowed for by the Judges. The oranges must be intact as provided. Entrance, \$1. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5; 3rd Prize, \$3.

5.45 p.m. MILK AND QUARTER HANDICAP.—For all China ponies. Entrance, \$1. Post to start at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th June, 1898. \$3 extra. 1st Prize, Presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.; and Prize, \$2; 3rd Prize, \$10.

6.15 p.m. TENNIS PROGRESS.—Three runs will be allowed. 3 points for a carry, 2 for a draw, 1 for a touch. 9 points will be given for pairs. Entrance, \$1. 1st Prize, Presented by H.E. Major-General Wilson Black, C.B., and Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5.

The hurdles will be up on the Inside Course on Tuesday, 7th, and Thursday, 9th instant, and application has been made to open the Steeplechase Course on Tuesday, 14th, and Thursday, 16th instant; Tennis pegging can be practised on the above dates also.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

H.M.S. *Daphne*

At PAGODA, 21st May, 1898.

It was in glorious weather that H.M.S. *Daphne* held their Annual Athletic Sports yesterday 21st May on the Pounds ground. The ground was covered with flags and tents which according to the visitors' version was quite a success and did great credit indeed to the Committee for the way in which they worked. The events Master, Bell, Tonypandy and Price were acting as ministers and men in tank which caused a great amount of sport and laughter especially from the children who go so near to the men in the case that they could hit him. After the sports were over Mrs. Gallaway kindly distributed the prizes. The results of the events are as follows:—

2.00 p.m. 100 yards flat—
1st heat, T. Hoffman, H. Jackson.
2nd " A. Sturgeon, S. Vicary.
3rd " G. Moore, F. Davier.

2.15 p.m. Long Jump—
T. Hefferon, 1st prize, \$2.
S. Arcilie, and "

2.45 p.m. 1 mile flat—
A. Sturgeon, 1st prize, \$5.
H. Davies, and "

2.45 p.m. Throwing Cricket Ball—F. Holt 93 yards, 1st prize, \$2.

3.15 p.m. 200 yards flat—
1st heat, G. Moore, T. Hefferon, W. Scott, and " A. Sturgeon, G. Middleton, A. Bortynas.

3.25 p.m. Egg and Spoon 10 yards—
1st prize, A. Sturgeon, \$2.
2nd " J. Frost, "

3.40 p.m. Officers' Race, 200 yards—
1st prize Mr. Church, R.N. Tennis Bat.

4.00 p.m. 3 Legged Race, 100 yards—
1st prize W. D. Wines, J. Hudson, \$5.
2nd " A. Sturgeon, G. Moore, "

4.30 p.m. Veteran's Race 240 yards—
1st prize S. Arcilie, \$4.
and " M. Kersway, "

The poor old man Kerney had a slip and fell which probably lost him first place. He's got the appearance that in his young day he was a runner.

We are not a building company and have no desire or intention to compete with the Land Companies in this Colony but if such persons as "Hard Pushed" could arrange with those companies to build cheap residences we would be very glad to help them in providing the purchase money. You must not forget however that if you have any spare funds for investment we are equally willing to receive it on deposit or in exchange for debentures and notwithstanding the celebrated advice of Polonius we are prepared to either a lender or borrower be as it may, not our customers. That I think is all I have to say just now, Gentlemen, the company has started well under favourable auspices and I feature well in time as its object and aims become better known and its business increases prove a benefit to the colony in general and in particular will offer special inducements to that section of the community whose incomes are restricted, who in face of a steadily falling exchange have had to accept the inevitable and make up their minds to reside permanently in the Colony and on whom a constant rise in rents presses most heavily.

The Chairman in conclusion said he desired on behalf of his colleagues and himself to express very deep regret at the sudden death of Mr. Woy How Chuen, who had always taken a very great interest in the society.

No questions were asked by those present and the Chairman after thanking the members for their attendance declared the meeting closed.

THE GYMKHANA.

Sturgeon was the favourite right through and he won well. The arrangements were admirably carried out by

Judge, H. Taylor, E.R.A.
Starer, Mr. Harcourt, R.N.
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Committee, E. Gibson, C.C.M.
" Paul, P. O. &
L. Blackwell, Bibb.

It was very flattering to see all our Pagoda friends support us so well by their presence, and for what proved one of the best events of the day was, the 2 miles race, the handsome prize was generously subscribed for by them.

We were very sorry that our friends at Foochow were not able to come owing to the distance and the tides, as we owe them so much for all the spot, cricket, etc., which has made the *Daphne*'s stay at Paseda a really pleasant time.

Our thanks are also due to the patronage of the Captain and Officers of the French men of war.

TSINGKIANGPU.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

May 23rd.

HARVEST PROSPECTS.

We are looking and longing for fair weather, having now had about 10 days' rain, off and on; it is a critical time with the wheat. Thus far it has looked promising and hopes were raised high for a good crop this year, and all the more seeing that the short crop last year has surrounded us with hundreds of starving people. But the Chinese who go by dates and prophecies so much, make a long face and say "We fear a bad crop because it rained on the 1st of the 4th month," which experience has taught them is going to be followed by more rain. This year, also, proves their prophecy and gives them ground for their worst fears being realized. Substitute for eight or ten days would see the wheat crop ripe and harvested; but what the future will be we await with fear and trembling.

A FOREIGN DRAW-BRIDGE.

across the Canal at this place is being built by order of the Tao-tai, the contractor being a Chinese and the price about Tls. 3,000. It is more than half done and promises to add greatly to the beauty and niceties of that part of town.

AN ACCIDENT.

occurred there some days ago, when something connected with the pile-driver went and injured three men. One had his head smashed and his arm crushed and two out of the three will die, it is said. That lack of exactness, that makes the Celestial differ so much from foreigners, too often indicated by the word "chapsis," "almost," will yet cause more boilers to blow up and lives to be lost when foreign machinery is more generally introduced. What will these people cease from knowing it all and being willing to be taught a little?

BUSINESS IS VERY SLACK.

this spring; boats lie here weeks without being hired, and they have not been so slack to call in ten years. Many of the iron ships are doing a rusting business and people flock to buy the official rice, as it is called, and pay more for it than they can get it for in the shops. Selling official rice is considered a very good deal. Any one is permitted to buy rice and bring it to this place, free of duty and then it is sold at cost (?) by the individual, the officials having nothing to do with it.

THE RICE IS ONE PRICE,

no cutting, and the purchaser buys a rice slip in the front of the store or temple and pays his money, then taking the slip back to the rear he gets his rice, paying a cash sum for the amount he has taken, plus a small fee for carrying it and a cash fee for delivery. From the way prices go up daily, there is more than cost price obtained. The market is devoid of fowls, beef is scarce and pork is high. Last year unmarketed lamb sold for 60 to 70 cts. a catty; now it is 120. Rice today's 4 cts to 4.50 cts a picul and the people lament and eat more bitterness than rice or bread. —N.C.D. News.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

JUNE.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1898.

Barometer 28.87

Thermometer 76.2

Humidity 84.0

Rainfall 15.0

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at

Barometer 29.69 29.62

Thermometer 79 85

Humidity 94 74

Rainfall 0.30

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 5th June, 1898.

(St. Boilface.)

Chinese—16th of 4th moon of 28th year of Kwei-chu.

Jewish—16th Siwan, 5958.

Mohammedan—15th Muharram, 1816.

Sun—Rises 5hr. 51min.

Sets 6hr. 58min.

Moon—Full Moon 5hr. 48min.

High water—Morning 7hr. 49min.

Intimations.

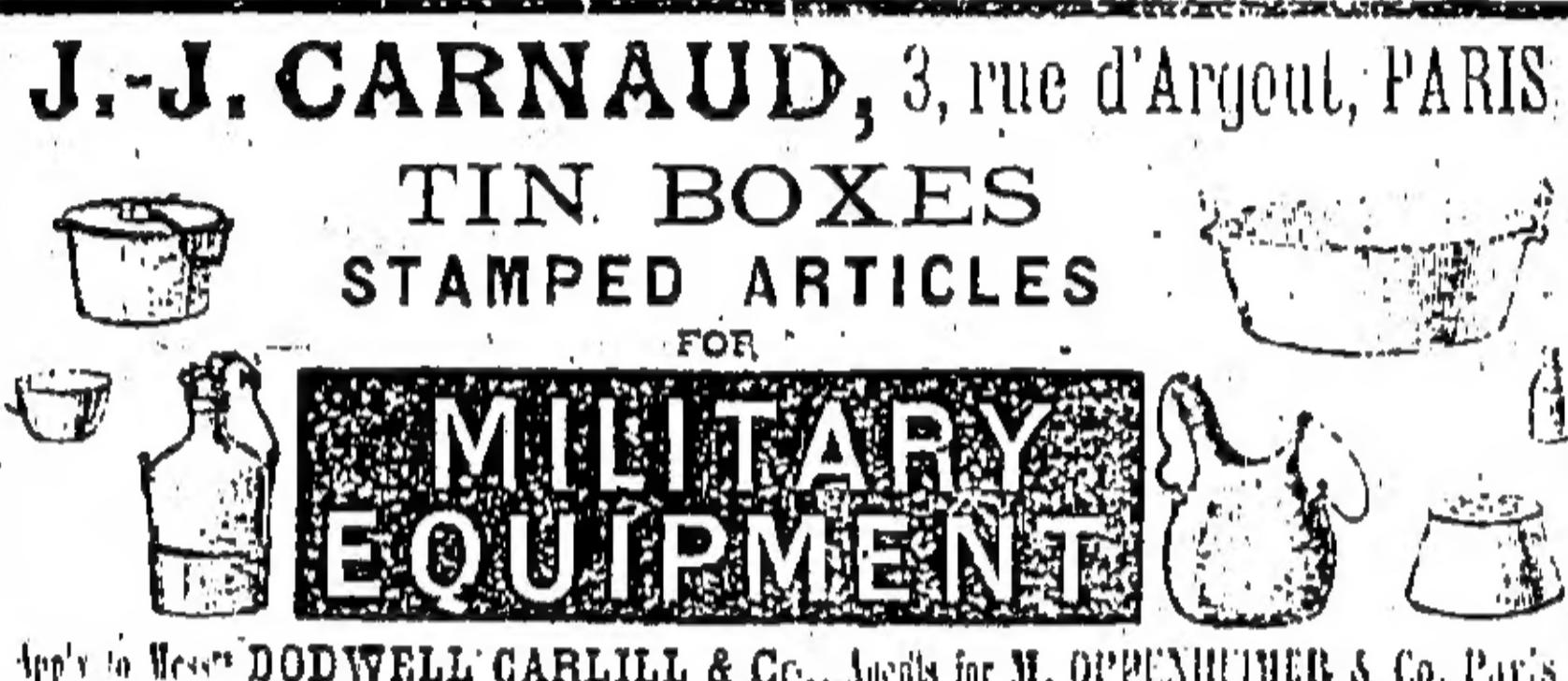
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SANUKI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 9th June, at 4 P.M.	
W. Townsend	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 10th June, at 4 P.M.	
MUKI MARU	VLADIVOSTOK, via SHANGHAI, CHINFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGOAKI	FRIDAY, 10th June, at 4 P.M.	
S. Kawamoto	FUSAN and GENSAN	TUESDAY, 14th June, at Noon.	
SENDAI MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., via KOLE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 14th June, at Noon.	
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